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In 1988 my late husband Zygmunt V.Ksiezopolski died of bone cancer at the age of 79, after being subjected to eight open chest surgeries, two pin-surgeries of the right arm, one four-quarter amputation of said arm. These heroic measures took place over two and a half years. He also underwent chemotherapy.

He was given "survival" percentages which were, in one case, based on 2 operations ( as we later found out). One arm operation gave him hopes to " regrow" severed nerves which controlled hand movements. It sounded like Science Fiction, and actually was... When the cancer reached his skull, and eventually his eye, he had a mild stroke: he was told that it had nothing to do with his condition, and to go back to his G.P. Sloane Kettering simply dropped him. He died soon after.

Taking care of him in those years I witnessed the unnecessary agony that he suffered, instead of dying in a less painful and dignified death.

The above is the reason for my support of this legislation.

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